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In re the Application of

Tadamitsu MIYAWAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3621

Application No.: 09/388,935

Examiner: J. Hayes

Filed: September 2, 1999

Docket No.: 104144

For: CONTENTS DISTRIBUTION METHOD AND SYSTEM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 7, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.

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Further to the June 16 personal interview with Examiner Hayes, and in reply to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2003 for the above-identified application, reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-8 and 11-15 are pending.

The undersigned attorney acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the June 16 personal interview. The points discussed during the interview are re-emphasized in this Request for Reconsideration.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-8 and 11-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dillon (U.S. Patent No. 5,727,065) in view of Bowman (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,623) and Downs (U.S. Patent No. 6,226,618 B1). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Applicants have enclosed formal drawings with this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 9 and 10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 7 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A contents distribution method for distributing digitized contents to plural users, comprising the steps of:
 encrypting and distributing contents to the plural users;

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**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION /
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Sir:

Further to the Advisory Action mailed on July 7, 2003, the following Supplemental Request for Reconsideration is submitted to reply to the arguments made in the Advisory Action. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1, 4-8 and 11-15 are pending.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4-8 and 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Dillon (U.S. Patent No. 5,727,065) in view of Bowman (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,623) and Downs (U.S. Patent No. 6,226,618 B1). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Dillon, Bowman nor Downs, individually or in combination, disclose or suggest a content distribution method including encrypting and distributing contents along with summary information showing a summary of contents to the plural users.



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Further to the November 20 personal interview with Examiner Hayes, and in reply to
the September 25, 2003 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.